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Kernan Recognizes 2002 Hoosier Hospitality Award Winners

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan today awarded hospitality workers from more than 20 Indiana counties, with the 2002 Lieutenant Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Awards.

Awarded by the Indiana Department of Commerce's Tourism Division, the awards honor individuals who go out of their way to make guests feel welcome while visiting a tourism attraction or hospitality business. This year, 22 winners were honored from throughout the state, with no more than one winner per county. A complete list of winners is attached.

"These front-line employees make tourism work in Indiana and are true examples of what Hoosier Hospitality is all about," said Kernan, who leads the state's tourism promotion efforts. "Tourism is an integral part of our economy and these individuals help to sustain and grow the industry by making our visitors feel welcome. We honor them for their service, and thank them for all they do."

The Indiana Tourism and Film Development Division stimulates visitor spending and economic growth by developing and promoting quality travel experiences in Indiana. The most recent economic impact study shows that the Indiana tourism industry supports more than 107,800 full-time jobs, generates more than \$6.1 billion in visitor spending annually and attracts more than 53 million guests each year.

For more information on the Lt. Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Awards or other Tourism programs, contact Cheri Wagner at the Indiana Department of Commerce's Tourism and Film Development Division at 317 233 3261 or by e-mail at cwagner@commerce.state.in.us or visit the Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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2002 Lieutenant Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Award Winners

Adams County: Ruth Brown, Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva

Bartholomew County: Alice Stines, Hampton Inn in Edinburgh

Clark County: Tom Denton, Buckhead's Mountain Bar and Grill in Jeffersonville

Dearborn County: Garnett Cavanaugh, Argosy Hotel in Lawrenceburg

Dubois County: Lowell Glendening, Dubois County Tourism Commission and Dubois County Museum in Jasper

Elkhart County: Hazel Snyder, I-80/90 Tourism Development Commission in Wakarusa

Hamilton County: Sandy Robertson, Wyndham Hotel in Carmel

Harrison County: Nancy Karen Snyder, Corydon Capitol State Historic Site in Corydon

Henry County: Nancy Cashner Dietz, Henry County Saddle Club in New Castle

Jackson County: Mary Krumme, Holiday Inn in Seymour

Jefferson County: Scott Koerner, Key West Shrimp House in Madison

Jennings County: Judy Heath, Jennings County Chamber of Commerce

Kosciusko County: Lorraine Carson, The Oakwood Inn & Conference Center in Syracuse

Marion County: Norman Patrick, Holiday Inn East in Indianapolis

Miami County: Barry Riggs, Grissom Air Museum in Peru

Orange County: Eva Sharron Kobee, French Lick Springs Resort & Spa

Parke County: Cathy Harkrider, Parke County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Perry County: Emilie Bostic, Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Guests in Tell City

Porter County: Debbie Kerr, Hoosier Bat Company in Valparaiso

Switzerland County: Nan Lorch, Switzerland County Welcome Center in Vevay

Tippecanoe County: Anita Robinson, Homewood Suites by Hilton in Lafayette

White County: Jessica West, Greater Monticello Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

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